Claim Amendments:

1. (original) Securing device for a structural component (11) to be secured to a panel (2) with a tubular piece (1) inserted into a penetration (17) in the panel (2), into which tubular piece (1) is inserted a screw (12), said screw (12) being supported with its head (13) on the one end of the tubular piece (1) and holding the structural component (11) with its threaded part, said structural component (11) contacting the other end of the tubular piece (1), said tubular piece (1) being screwed an optional distance into the penetration (17) for axial adjustment, characterized in that the tubular piece (1) contains a distance detector (4, 15), wherein, when the tubular piece (1) is at a distance from the structural component (11), said distance detector (4, 15) is in its starting position projecting out of said tubular piece (1) on its side facing away from the screw head (13) and, when the tubular piece (1) is in contact with the structural component (11), said distance detector (4, 15) is noticeably displaced out of the tubular piece (1).

2. (original) Securing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the distance detector is in the form of a sleeve (4) inserted into the tubular piece (1).

3. (original) Securing device according to claim 2, characterized in that the sleeve (4) is slotted.

4. (original) Securing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the distance detector is in the form of a pin (15) axially guided in the tubular piece (1).

5. (currently amended) Securing device according to ~~any one of claims 1~~

~~to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the distance detector (4, 15) is forced into its starting position by a spring element (8).

6. (original) Securing device according to claim 5, characterized in that the spring element consists of oblique surfaces (9) disposed on the sleeve (4) on its side facing away from the screw head (13), said oblique surfaces (9) cooperating with sloping faces (8) at the relevant end of the tubular piece (1).